

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Unparliamentary remarks cannot be inserted in the RECORD.

Mr. FAZIO of California. But remarks that are not ruled unparliamentary may be placed in the RECORD if they are not uttered on the floor; is that the ruling of the Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Unparliamentary remarks should not be inserted in the RECORD in any manner or form.

Mr. FAZIO of California. They should not be inserted at any time, but there is a particular provision that we are dealing with here which removes the Member from the ability to communicate with his colleagues here.

Is that communication written as well as oral?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the RECORD the gentleman is correct.

Mr. FAZIO of California. So in other words, just to confirm the Speaker's ruling, we will not read or hear from the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] for the next 24 hours; is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Unless the House permits him to proceed in order, the gentleman is correct.

Mr. FAZIO of California. And for the House to permit that would require a majority vote?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It would require either unanimous consent or a majority vote of the House to permit the gentleman to proceed in order.

Mr. FAZIO of California. I appreciate the Speaker clarifying the situation.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is on his feet. Is he not supposed to remain seated until the determination?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman can either be seated or leave the Chamber.

Mr. BONIOR. He chose to leave the Chamber; OK.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is it the Chair's understanding that the final words in the original 1-minute are included in the gentleman's request?

Mr. BONIOR. The Speaker is correct.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is attempting to have them transcribed at this moment.

The Clerk will report the words in the original 1-minute.

The Clerk read as follows:

By the way, Mr. Speaker, the Second Amendment is not for killing little ducks and leaving Huey, Duey and Louie without an aunt and uncle. It is for hunting politicians, like Grozny, 1776, when they take your independence away. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair sees nothing unparliamentary about those words.

Without objection, the words already ruled out of order will be stricken from the RECORD.

There was no objection.

TAKE A LOOK UNDER THE HOOD OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, it is very hard to take the well after such an emotional time. I think Americans all wish we could get on with business and stop this kind of partisan fireworks, and yet today is the day where I think, if a lot of Americans knew what kind of business we were going to do, and we were really going to be giving them the business, they would want this partisan fireworks to continue.

We are going to take up a balanced budget amendment. I say to my colleagues:

"When you read the rule, you will find out that in the Judiciary Committee we didn't have proper notice. As you know, the major amendments were never dealt with. We rolled it out here to the floor, and the very first thing we are going to do today is take up a resolution saying, 'Oops. Well, we really don't mean Social Security to be included.' But if you think that resolution is going to outweigh a constitutional amendment, you're wrong. This kind of haste is going to make people very, very angry. You don't buy a car without looking under the hood, and don't buy this today. It really is not what you think it is."

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEMAND A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

(Mr. GANSKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, change is scary, especially for the folks who liked things the way they were. But my job is to do the people's work.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have spoken. They want a leaner and less intrusive government. They want us to put our financial house in order. And finally, they want us to end politics as usual.

Congress has been on a spending binge that has clearly lasted too long. This binge has created a huge national debt that is costing our country \$816 million every day in interest alone.

The American people demand that we get our financial house in order. It is time to end the bickering and get down to work. It is time to show the courage needed to pass a balanced budget amendment. For too long Congress has spent and spent, passing the bill on to our children and our grandchildren. This has got to end.

I recognize that the road ahead will be tough. I also recognize there will be resistance. We must pass a balanced budget amendment.

THE GREATEST INCENTIVE TO WORK IN AMERICA IS THE ABILITY TO EARN A DECENT WAGE

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to say that the President got it right last night. He talked about empowering people, and critically he said, "You've got to pay a decent wage." He suggests that the greatest incentive to work in America is the ability to earn a livable wage.

Mr. Speaker, I recall commenting about a seamstress who, when told, "If you got an increase in the minimum wage, you might lose your job," told a reporter, "Look. I'll take my chances with a job. I want a better wage."

There are young people all throughout my district who say the same thing:

"Congressman, we want to work, but it's got to pay a decent wage."

The President pointed out last night that at the current minimum wage level of \$4.25 an average American makes \$8,840 a year, less than we make in 1 month. I think that is very telling because subsequent to his speech last night the American people in poll results said by a margin of 72 percent that they wanted a livable wage.

Ladies and gentlemen of America, there is a difference. The President has got it right. Let us pay a decent wage.

HAS THE PRESIDENT BECOME A REPUBLICAN?

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, I say to my colleagues, "Don't get excited, everyone. I don't want to cause any parliamentary problems here today, and I certainly don't intend to impugn anyone's motives or integrity, but after listening to the President's speech last night, I have to ask the question that all of America wants to know: Has the President become a Republican?"

Mr. Speaker, some in the Chamber might not take kindly to that label, but to most of us we consider it to be a badge of honor, and I say to my colleagues, "If you've read recent polls, it appears that, as the President has, the American people are demanding the same Republican principles of smaller, less costly government, greater individual freedom based on personal responsibility."

That is exactly what the President embraced last night, and that is exactly the premise of our Republican Contract With America. Mr. Speaker, it is good to see the President has joined with a majority of the voters in supporting the Republican agenda. We are the party of forgive and forget, and we welcome him to our cause.